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To: Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA)
Executive Directors
Children's Mental Health Directors
Youth Empowerment Services (YES) LMHA Staff

From: Trina Ita, Director
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, Program Services Section II

Re: YES Waiver Policy Manual and Website

Purpose

The Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver website has been updated: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/yes/

Additionally, YES has updated the policy manual and will post the new version on the website by August 1, 2015. Future revisions to the manual will be communicated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and posted to the YES Waiver website.

Of Note

Website:

The YES website now includes new resources for families including a feature which enables families to locate the Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) serving their area.

Additional resources for LMHAs and comprehensive waiver providers added to the website include updated forms, participant enrollment flowcharts, and information on navigating Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS).

YES Waiver Policy Manual:

The YES policy manual has been updated to include the following:

- Descriptions of each YES Waiver service;
- Provider qualifications for each YES Waiver service;
- Updates to documentation requirements for each YES Waiver service;
- Updated description of the participant enrollment process; and
- Program training requirements for LMHAs and comprehensive waiver providers.

Contact

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